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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**RESEARCH**

Doctoral Dissertation: *Culture of Food in Colonial Bengal*.

Areas of interest: Social and Cultural History of Modern South Asia, Colonial Modernity, History of Food, History of Gender, Imperialism, Nationalism

**EDUCATION & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

PhD: Department of History & Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University, United States of America, December 2009.

M.A.: Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, August 2001.

B.A. (Honours) in History, Presidency College, Kolkata, August 1999.

State Level Eligibility Test (SLET), West Bengal, 2002.

**ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

May 2011-to the present: Post Doctoral fellow, Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies, IDSK, Kolkata.

January 2011-April 2011: Guest Faculty for 'Post-Colonial India 1947-71', Department of History, Jadavpur University.

Spring 2006: Instructor in 'World History since c. 1500', Department of History & Religious Studies, Penn State University.

Fall 2005: Instructor in 'Survey of Indian History', Department of History & Religious Studies, Penn State University

Spring 2005: Teaching Assistant in 'Survey of Indian History', Department of History & Religious Studies, Penn State University

Fall 2004: Teaching Assistant in 'World History to c.1500', Department of History & Religious Studies, Penn State University

Spring 2004: Teaching Assistant in 'World History since c. 1500', Department of History & Religious Studies, Penn State University

Fall 2003: Teaching Assistant in 'Surveys of East Asia', Department of History & Religious Studies, Penn State University

### **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2009: The Mahatma Gandhi Predoctoral Fellowship Award, Penn State.

2007-08: Edwin Earle Sparks Fellowship in Humanities, Penn State.

2006: (1) Isabel F. Knight Award, Department of History, Penn State.

(2) Dissertation travel support, Research and Graduate Studies Organization, Penn State.

(3) Dissertation Release Grant, Research and Graduate Studies Organization, Penn State.

(4) Doctoral Research Fellowship Application Incentive Award, Penn State.

(5) Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of History, Penn State.

2005-06: Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of History, Penn State.

2004-05: Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of History, Penn State.

2003-04: Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of History, Penn State.

### **CONFERENCES & LECTURES**

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010: Extension Lecture, "Capitalism and Food", Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

March 26-29, 2009: Organized panel on "Diets of Modernity in Colonial India", Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago.

March 26-29, 2009: "Constructing a 'Pure' Body: The Discourse of Nutrition in Colonial Bengal", Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago.

April 11-12, 2008: "Colonial Modernity and the Rhetoric of 'Nutrition' in Bengal", Fifth Annual South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago

October 12-14, 2007: “Introducing ‘Foreign’ Food: Carolina Rice Experiments in Colonial Bengal”, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison.

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006: “Appropriating Misery: A Middle-Class Response to the Losses in Late 19<sup>th</sup>-Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bengal”, presentation at a conference on Food & History: Health, Culture, Tourism & Identity, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK.

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: “Appropriating Misery: A Middle-Class Response to the Losses in Late 19<sup>th</sup>-Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bengal”, presentation at “Space and Place in History”, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University.

### **Publication**

‘Aestheticizing Labor? An Affective Discourse of Cooking in Colonial Bengal,’ *South Asian History and Culture*, vol.1, no.1, (January 2010): 60-70.

‘Adhunikata Aswadan: Ouponibeshik Banglay Khaoadaoa,’ *Aitihāsik*, Year 16 (October 2010):7-22. [In Bangla]

‘Eating Modernity: Changing Dietary Practices in Colonial Bengal,’ *Modern Asian Studies* (forthcoming).

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Rochona Majumdar, *Marriage and Modernity: Family Values in Colonial Bengal* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2009) in *Anandabazar Patrika*, November 14, 2009. [In Bangla]

Review of Rochona Majumdar, *Marriage and Modernity: Family Values in Colonial Bengal* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2009) in *South Asia News* (The South Asia Language and Area

Center and The Committee on Southern Asian Studies at the University of Chicago), vol. 33, nos. I & II, (2008-09):19.

Review of Anupama Rao, *The Caste Question: Dalits and the Politics of Modern India* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009) in *Anandabazar Patrika*, September 11, 2010.  
[In Bangla]